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1. BOEING, BEIRUT, CONFIRMS SALE THREE ADVANCED 727-200 AIRCRAFT TO LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES FOR DELIVERY TWO AIRCRAFT FEBRUARY 1975 AND ONE AIRCRAFT MARCH 1975. ALL THREE AIRCRAFT WILL BE FITTED WITH WIDEBODIED-LOOK INTERIORS AND WILL BE POWERED BY UPATED 16,000 LB. THRUST PRATT & WHITNEY JT8D-17 ENGINES PERMITTING MAXIMUM PAYLOAD/RANGE CAPABILITIES OUT OF HIGH-TEMPERATURE LIBYAN AIRFIELDS 15 191,000 LB. GROSS TAKEOFF WEIGHTS. VALUE OF ORDER ESTIMATED BY BOEING HERE AT \$30 MILLION; THE THREE NEW AIRCRAFT WILL REPLACE LIBYAN ARAB'S FLEET OF THREE AEROSPATIALE CARAVELLE 6N'S (ORIGINALLY DELIVERED 1965-1966) AND ONE BOEING 727-200 (ORIGINALLY DELIVERED EARLY 1971).

2. US TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT SALES FOR 1974 NOW TOTAL
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\$116.7 MILLION, INCLUDING SALES TO ALIA ROYAL JORDANIAN,

SAUDIA AND LIBYAN ARAB. POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR US
TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT SALES IN THIS REGION TO REACH \$500 MILLION
BY YEAR-END IF KEY ORDERS BY SYRIAN ARAB, MEA, THY,
EGYPTAIR, KUWAIT AIRWAYS, GULF AIR, AND CYPRUS AIRWAYS
FALL INTO PLACE AS EXPECTED.
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